

**GLG110 – Homework #1**  
**GAIA HYPOTHESIS – 10 points**

Answer the following questions:

- What is the Gaia Hypothesis? Explain what the hypothesis means and use examples to illustrate the concepts.
- Do you think this is a correct or incorrect hypothesis? Give reasons why you agree or disagree with James Lovelock.
- In the example of Daisy World, predators were introduced to change the outcome. Think about our own planet Earth. What impact do we as humans have on our environment? What changes have we introduced into our world in the past 200 years that have impacted the rest of the planet? Have we had any positive impacts?
- Tell me what you think about the role of humans with respect to our world. Should we be consumers, protectors or both?

Your answers to these questions should be in essay form, type-written, double-spaced on a single sheet of paper. Follow the writing guidelines on the *Current Event Summaries* as you complete this assignment. It is okay to use terms like, "I think" in this paper because I asked you specifically for your opinion. Follow the rubric below as you write your paper. Staple this rubric on top of your homework before you turn it in.

**Rubric:**

Grammar, spelling, sentence structure – 3

Organization and flow – 2

Content, examples, sense – 5